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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the forty-sixth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report (A/46/3 and Add.1) 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/46/1).

2. In the context of item 12, the Second Committee considered the following questions referred by the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly that did not fall within the purview of items specifically allocated to the Second Committee:

(a) Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council;

(b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(c) Code of conduct on transnational corporations;

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts (see also A/46/727/Add.1 and 2).

1/ To be issued in printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3/Rev.1).

(d) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(e) Inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries;

(f) Role of the public sector;

(g) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994;

(h) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;

(i) Report of the Committee for Development Planning;

(j) Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa;

(k) Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific;

(l) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

(m) Acceleration of the economic integration process in Africa and strengthening of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres;

(n) Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(o) International Conference on Population and Development;

(p) Convening of an international conference on development financing.

3. The Committee considered the item at its 13th to 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th to 29th, 32nd, 38th, 51st, 56th and 58th meetings, from 14 to 16, 21, 24 and 31 October and 1, 5, 11 and 26 November and on 6 and 11 December 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.13-16, 19, 20 and 21). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Documentation under the item as a whole

A/46/3 and Add.1	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1991 1/

A/46/19 Report of the World Food Council on the work of its seventeenth session 2/

A/46/163 Letter dated 1 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the statement by the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR in connection with the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster

A/46/288 Letter dated 1 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the European Council on improvement of emergency assistance within the United Nations framework

A/46/322 Letter dated 23 July 1991 from the representatives of Germany and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting information on the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness and Friendly Cooperation of 17 June 1991 between Germany and Poland

A/46/477 Letter dated 16 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a letter from the Chairman of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine regarding the United Nations pledging conference to mobilize support for cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident

A/46/520 Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77

A/46/598 Letter dated 23 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the resolutions adopted by the 86th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Santiago, Chile, from 7 to 12 October 1991

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/46/19).

A/C.2/46/12 — Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", endorsed by the Meeting of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth, held at Harare from 16 to 22 October 1991

(a) Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council

A/46/3 — Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III 1/

(b) Assistance to the Palestinian people

A/46/204-E/1991/80 and Add.1 and 2 — Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

(c) Code of conduct on transnational corporations

A/46/558 and Corr.1 — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report by the President of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly on consultations on the code of conduct on transnational corporations

(d) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

A/46/171-E/1991/61 — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS

(e) Inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries

E/1991/32 — Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session 3/

(f) Role of the public sector

E/46/132-E/1991/58 — Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

(g) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VII, sect. A 1/

(h) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

A/46/263-E/1991/88 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on Israeli land and water policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

(i) Report of the Commission for Development Planning

E/1991/32 Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session 3/

A/C.2/46/2 Letter dated 24 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting comments on criteria for identifying least developed countries: report of the Committee for Development Planning

A/C.2/46/5 Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the President of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General

A/C.2/46/8 Letter dated 29 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

A/C.2/46/20 Letter dated 3 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

(k) Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. A 1/

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32).

(l) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

A/C.2/46/19 Note by the Secretariat, annexing resolution GC.4/Res.8 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its fourth session, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa"

(m) Acceleration of the economic integration process in Africa and strengthening of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. A 1/

(n) Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. A 1/

(o) International Conference on Population and Development

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B 1/

(p) Convening of an international conference on development financing

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III 1/

A/46/594 Note by the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on development financing

5. At the 13th meeting, on 14 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs, and the representative of the World Health Organization (see A/C.2/46/SR.13).

6. At the 19th meeting, on 21 October, an introductory statement on the question of the code of conduct on transnational corporations was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Transnational Corporations (see A/C.2/46/SR.19).

7. At the 38th meeting, on 11 November, the Secretary-General addressed the Committee on the question of convening an international conference on development financing (see A/C.2/46/SR.38).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.8 and Corr.1 and L.120

8. By its decision 1991/279 of 26 July 1991, the Economic and Social Council decided to refer to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session for consideration the draft resolution entitled "Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories" (see A/C.2/46/L.8 and Corr.1). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and by Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981 and the relevant General Assembly resolutions affirming that the acquisition of territory by force is inadmissible under the Charter of the United Nations,

"Recalling Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980, General Assembly resolution 45/74 of 11 December 1990 and the other relevant resolutions affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, 4/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

"Expressing its concern at the ongoing establishment by Israel, the occupying Power, of settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories and the settlement of new Jewish immigrants in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories,

"1. Condemns Israel's establishment of settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and regards those practices as unlawful and without any legal effect, as specified in Security Council resolutions 446 (1979) and 465 (1980) and the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

"2. Decides that the establishment of settlements and their ongoing construction in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories, and the settlement of new Jewish immigrants therein, constitutes an insurmountable obstacle to the achievement of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;

4/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

"3. Strongly condemns Israel's practices in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories, including its confiscation of land, its diversion of water resources, its depletion of the natural and economic resources of the occupied territories and its displacement and deportation of the population of those territories;

"4. Reaffirms the established and inalienable right of the Palestinian people, the population of the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories to full sovereignty over their natural and economic resources and regards any infringement thereof as null and void and without any legal effect;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the economic and social consequences of Israel's establishment of settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council."

9. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the representative of Lebanon introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.120) entitled "Adverse economic effects of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied since 1967", on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia, which was submitted on the basis of consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.8 and Corr.1.

10. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of Israel (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.120 by a recorded vote of 112 to 2, with 17 abstentions (see para. 41, draft resolution I). 5/, 6/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic

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5/ The delegation of Albania subsequently indicated that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

6/ The delegations of Ecuador and Honduras indicated that they had voted in favour of the draft resolution, but that owing to a mechanical error, their vote had not registered.

People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belarus, Benin, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Fiji, Germany, Kenya, Micronesia, Netherlands, Romania, Solomon Islands, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

12. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.120, no action was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.8 and Corr.1.

13. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden), Japan, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Canada and Hungary (also on behalf of Czechoslovakia and Poland) (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.10

14. In paragraph 1 of its resolution 1991/78 of 26 July 1991, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994" (see A/C.2/46/L.10).

15. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.10 without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.12

17. By its resolution 1991/69 of 26 July 1991, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people" (see A/C.2/46/L.12).

18. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

19. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by Israel and the United States of America (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.12 by a recorded vote of 135 to 2, with 3 abstentions (see para. 41, draft resolution III). 7/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

7/ The delegation of Cameroon subsequently indicated that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Fiji, Liberia, Micronesia.

21. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Austria, the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Norway, Sweden, Finland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Canada and Hungary (also on behalf of Czechoslovakia and Poland) (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

D. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.21 and L.122

22. At the 22nd meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.21) entitled "Impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

"Recalling also its resolution 45/182 of 21 December 1990 on the convening of a special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council, with ministerial participation, on 4 and 5 July 1991 to discuss the impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation,

"Taking note of the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77 on the occasion of their fifteenth annual meeting, held in New York on 30 September 1991, in which the Ministers welcomed the convening of the Special High-level Meeting, 8/

"1. Notes with satisfaction the holding of the Special High-level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council, with ministerial participation, at Geneva on 4 and 5 July 1991;

8/ A/46/520, annex, para. 4.

"2. Takes note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, in particular as it pertains to the Special High-level Meeting; 9/

"3. Notes the assurances given by the developed countries and multilateral financial institutions that the resources allocated to the Eastern European countries would not be allocated at the expense of the developing countries;

"4. Notes with concern that, in spite of those assurances, United Nations reports 10/ have indicated cases of diversion of food assistance from developing countries to the Eastern European countries;

"5. Urges donor countries to consider triangular arrangements which would involve developing countries in the supply of the requirements of the East financed by credits from the West;

"6. Calls for international assistance for developing countries whose economies were adversely affected by recent changes in economic and trade relations with Eastern European countries;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General, in reviewing the impact of East-West relations on the growth and development of developing countries to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report containing, inter alia:

"(a) A discussion of the impact of the measures taken in favour of the Eastern European countries on developing countries, as well as of ways and means of mitigating any adverse impact;

"(b) Concrete proposals to prevent the diversion of resources from developing countries."

23. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced and orally corrected a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.122) submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.21.

24. Following a statement by the representative of Tunisia, the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.122 would be a Chairman's text.

25. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of China made a statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

9/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3/Rev.1).

10/ See World Economic Survey, 1991 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.II.C.1).

26. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.122, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution IV).

27. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.122, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.21 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

E. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.33 and Rev.1

28. At the 32nd meeting, on 5 November 1991, the representative of Austria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.33) entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)", on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/187 of 21 December 1990, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/66 of 26 July 1991, World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 41.24 of 13 May 1988, WHA 42.33 and WHA 42.34 of 19 May 1989, and WHA 43.10 of 16 May 1990, United Nations Children's Fund resolution 1991/23 of 3 May 1991, and other relevant resolutions adopted by organizations of the United Nations system,

"Noting with appreciation the established leadership and coordinating role of the World Health Organization and the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors, in combating the spread of AIDS,

"Noting that the World Health Organization estimates that 9-11 million men, women and children are currently infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), that a further 10-20 million adults are expected to become infected and that 5-10 million children are expected to be born with HIV infection during the 1990s, creating a cumulative total of 30-40 million by the year 2000, 90 per cent of whom will be in developing countries, and that by then 10-15 million children will be orphaned by the death of a parent or both parents as a result of AIDS,

"Concerned that, although the reported number of HIV cases in some industrial countries is increasing more slowly than projected, there is still a continuous rapid increase in urban areas and that the pandemic is increasing dramatically in developing countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and in Asia, where projected figures suggest the annual incidence of HIV infection by the mid-to-late 1990s will be higher than in any other region,

"Recognizing that the response to the pandemic must be multisectoral in order effectively to mitigate the social and economic consequences of AIDS and that all socio-economic sectors must be mobilized in support of national programmes to provide support, care, education, counselling and resources to combat AIDS,

"Emphasizing the need to counter discrimination and to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected by HIV and AIDS, their families and those with whom they live, and taking note of the relevant work carried out by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and of the results of the International Consultation on AIDS and Human Rights, organized by the Centre for Human Rights in July 1989 in Geneva,

"Recognizing that quarantine, forced testing, coercive and/or restrictive policies dealing with travel, immigration and freedom of movement and other discriminatory measures directed solely towards persons with HIV/AIDS more often drive the disease underground where it is more difficult to combat, but do not stop the spread,

"Stressing the need to promote safer sexual practices, including responsible sexual behaviour, and to detect and treat other sexually transmitted diseases as early as possible,

"Stressing therefore the importance of information, education and other support particularly targeted to young people to encourage behavioural change and to enable them to remain uninfected,

"Also stressing the need to prevent the spread of HIV infection by any and all means of transmission occurring in both specific and general population groups, including intravenous drug use and unsafe medical practices,

"Further stressing the need to continue to address the economic and social status of women in society in order to provide them with the means to protect themselves from infection, in particular through sexual transmission,

"Noting that scientific research is making progress in developing improved diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive technologies (including social and behavioural research) and pharmaceuticals, and stressing the importance of making these technologies and pharmaceuticals available as soon as possible and at an affordable price,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS; 11/

11/ See A/46/171-E/1991/61.

"2. Urges Member States and, where appropriate, intergovernmental organizations:

"(a) To continue to give the AIDS pandemic top priority and to speak openly about AIDS and sexual behaviour within the context of their sexual, cultural and religious norms;

"(b) To continue to develop strong national AIDS programmes with priority placed on, in particular, prevention of sexual transmission through the promotion of safer sexual practices, including responsible sexual behaviour, as well as on measures to prevent transmission through intravenous drug use and unsafe medical practices;

"(c) To develop services, in particular for the young, in regard to information, sex education and counselling, on sex, contraception and sexually transmitted diseases as well as on other aspects of HIV transmission within the context of their sexual, cultural and religious norms;

"(d) To ensure a multisectoral response to the socio-economic consequences of AIDS through the mobilization of all socio-economic sectors;

"(e) To encourage the private sector, community groups and non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the national response to AIDS and HIV infection by providing, inter alia, support, care, education, counselling and resources;

"(f) To reinforce efforts to combat denial and complacency;

"3. Urges Member States and, where appropriate, intergovernmental organizations, to protect the human rights and dignity of HIV-infected people, people with AIDS and members of particular population groups, and to avoid discriminatory action against and stigmatization of them in the provision of services, employment and travel;

"4. Calls on the scientific community to continue to undertake the necessary research into social and behavioural aspects of HIV transmission and to develop the vaccines and pharmaceuticals which will provide effective means of prevention or therapy and encourages it to make its findings available as soon as possible;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to intensify his efforts within the United Nations system, in collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the heads of the World Bank, the United Nations Population Fund, and the United Nations Children's Fund and all other relevant United Nations organizations:

"(a) To continue to advance the multisectoral implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;

"(b) To support and encourage countries in developing plans to meet the economic and social consequences of the AIDS pandemic, paying attention, in particular, to women, uninfected children with HIV-infected parents or orphaned by AIDS, and to elderly people left without providers and often responsible for orphaned grandchildren, as well as to people working with persons with AIDS/HIV;

"(c) To mobilize the necessary resources, both human and financial, in the health and other sectors, particularly to the developing countries, to develop and implement activities and technologies for the prevention of HIV-infection/AIDS and the care of those infected by HIV;

"(d) To ensure that, in the search for prevention, cure, and palliation, the concerns, needs and experience of persons with AIDS/HIV as well as the special needs of women and children are addressed;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the serious socio-economic consequences of the AIDS pandemic and its negative impact on development in many developing countries, in collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to utilize fully the research, analytical capacity and experience of the United Nations system in the planning of multisectoral activities and the earmarking of funds for countries requesting assistance for those activities;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to use fully the information capacity of the United Nations system to intensify public information activities with respect to HIV and AIDS;

"8. Further requests the Secretary-General to report, in collaboration with the Director-General of WHO and other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution."

29. At the 56th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and drew the Committee's attention to a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.33/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.33, except for Lesotho, Israel, Samoa, Zambia, Bulgaria, Canada, Suriname, the United States of America and Zaire. 12/ The Vice-Chairman also orally revised the text, as agreed upon in informal consultations, as follows:

12/ Subsequent to the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.33/Rev.1, the delegation of Benin indicated that it wished to join as a sponsor.

(a) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "quarantine, compulsory testing, coercive and/or restrictive policies dealing with travel and freedom of movement, including transfrontier movement, and other discriminatory measures" were replaced by the words "discriminatory measures, related to, inter alia, quarantine, mandatory testing, and coercive and/or restrictive policies dealing with travel and freedom of movement, including transfrontier movement";

(b) In operative paragraph 9, the words "in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization and, through him, all other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations, to report to the General Assembly" were replaced by the words "to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with all other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly".

30. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.33/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 41, draft resolution V).

31. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Malaysia made a statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.56).

F. Draft decision A/C.2/46/L.65

32. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/46/L.65) entitled "Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994", on behalf of Indonesia, Jordan, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand.

33. A statement on the programme budget implications of draft decision A/C.2/45/L.65, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was submitted in document A/C.2/46/L.83.

34. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations, the draft decision had been revised as follows:

(a) The words "in particular paragraph 2 of that resolution" were added at the end of subparagraph (a);

(b) Subparagraph (b) was deleted.

35. Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and Tunisia, as well as by the Secretary of the Committee (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

36. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/46/L.65, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 42, draft decision I).

G. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

37. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the reports under item 12 on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 42, draft decision II).

H. Consideration of the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1992-1993

38. At the 59th meeting, on 11 December, the representative of the Secretariat introduced and read out corrections to the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, prepared by the Secretariat and contained in document A/C.2/46/L.107.

39. During the consideration of the draft programme of work, statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of Morocco, Mozambique and the Netherlands (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), and the Secretary of the Committee responded to questions.

40. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993, as orally corrected, and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly for adoption (see para. 42, draft decision III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

41. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Adverse economic effects of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied since 1967

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980, General Assembly resolution 45/74 of 11 December 1990 and the other relevant resolutions affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, 13/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

Expressing its concern at the ongoing establishment by Israel, the occupying Power, of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, and the settlement of new immigrants therein,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 14/

2. Deplores the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the other Arab territories occupied since 1967, and regards those practices as unlawful and therefore without any legal effect;

3. Recognizes that the continuing establishment of settlements and their ongoing enlargement in the Palestinian territory and the other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967 and the settlement of new immigrants have adverse consequences for the economic and social development of the Arab population of these territories;

13/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

14/ A/46/263-E/1991/88.

4. Strongly deplores Israel's practices in the occupied Palestinian territory and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, in particular its extensive confiscation of land, its diversion of water resources, its depletion of the natural and economic resources of the occupied territories and its displacement and deportation of the population of those territories;

5. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the Syrian Golan to their natural and economic resources, and regards any infringement thereof as being without any legal validity;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Noting that the Programme was reviewed by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme at its thirty-first session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session at 1991,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/78 of 26 July 1991 and the recommendation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

Recognizing the value of and continuing need for multilateral food aid as provided by the World Food Programme since its inception, both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

1. Establishes for the period 1993-1994 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of 1.5 billion United States dollars, of which not less that one third should be in cash and/or services, and expresses the hope that those resources will be substantially augmented by additional contributions from other sources in view of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and

appropriate donor organizations to make every effort to ensure that the target is fully attained;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters in 1992.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/183 of 21 December 1990,

Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including Israeli economic and social policies and practices,

Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

Concerned about the economic losses of the Palestinian people as a result of the Gulf crisis,

Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 15/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

3. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, taking into account the economic losses of the Palestinian people as a result of the Gulf crisis;

15/ A/46/204-E/1991/80 and Add.1 and 2.

4. Calls for treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

5. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

6. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

7. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in its resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

8. Calls for facilitation of the establishment of Palestinian development banks in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a view to promoting investment, production, employment and income therein;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, as well as its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 45/182 of 21 December 1990, on the convening of a special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with ministerial participation, on 4 and 5 July 1991, to discuss the impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation,

Taking note of the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77 adopted on the occasion of their fifteenth annual meeting, held in New York on 30 September 1991, in which the Ministers welcomed the convening of the special high-level meeting, 16/

Taking note also of the debate, the views expressed by Member States and the concluding statement of the President of the Economic and Social Council at the special high-level meeting,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the holding of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with ministerial participation, at Geneva on 4 and 5 July 1991;

2. Takes note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, in particular as it pertains to the special high-level meeting; 17/

3. Recognizes the need to enhance the positive aspects of the fundamental transformations in the Central and Eastern European countries and their integration into the world economy;

4. Notes the assurances given by the developed countries and multilateral financial institutions that the resources allocated to the Central and Eastern European countries would not reduce or divert the resources and official development assistance, including food aid, allocated to the developing countries;

5. Urges Member States to continue to consider, where appropriate, triangular arrangements which would also involve or benefit developing countries in the supply of the relevant requirements of the Central and Eastern European countries, taking into account the structural transformation needs and requirements of those countries;

6. Calls on the international community to consider assisting developing countries whose economies have been most affected by the recent changes in their economic relations with Central and Eastern European countries to adapt to these changes;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in reviewing the impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation, to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-seventh session, a report containing, inter alia, an analysis of the impact on developing countries of the measures taken to integrate Central and Eastern European countries into the world economy, and on the full implementation of the present resolution.

16/ A/46/520, annex, para. 4.

17/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3/Rev.1), chap. II.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/187 of 21 December 1990, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/66 of 26 July 1991, World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 41.24 of 13 May 1988, 18/ WHA 42.33 and WHA 42.34 of 19 May 1989 19/ and WHA 43.10 of 16 May 1990, 20/ decision 1991/23 of 3 May 1991 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund 21/ and other relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by organizations of the United Nations system,

Noting with appreciation the established leadership and coordinating role of the World Health Organization, and the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors, in combating the spread of AIDS,

Noting that the World Health Organization estimates that nine to eleven million men, women and children are currently infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), that a further ten to twenty million adults are expected to become infected and that five to ten million children are expected to be born with HIV infection during the 1990s, creating a cumulative total of thirty to forty million by the year 2000, 90 per cent of whom will be in developing countries, and that by then ten to fifteen million children will be orphaned by the death of a parent or both parents as a result of AIDS,

Concerned that, although the reported number of HIV cases in some industrial countries is increasing more slowly than projected, there is still a continuous rapid increase in urban areas and that the pandemic is increasing dramatically in developing countries,

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18/ See World Health Organization, Forty-first World Health Assembly, Geneva, 2-13 May 1988, Resolutions and Decisions, Annexes (WHA 41/1988/REC/1).

19/ Ibid., Forty-second World Health Assembly, Geneva, 8-19 May 1989, Resolutions and Decisions, Annexes (WHA 42/1989/REC/1).

20/ Ibid., Forty-third World Health Assembly, Geneva, 7-17 May 1990, Resolutions and Decisions, Annexes (WHA 43/1990/REC/1).

21/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 12 (E/1991/33), chap. IV.

Recognizing that the response to the pandemic must be multisectoral in order to mitigate effectively the social and economic consequences of AIDS and that all sectors of society must be mobilized in support of national programmes to provide support, care, education, counselling and resources to combat AIDS,

Emphasizing the need to counter discrimination and to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected by HIV and AIDS, their families and those with whom they live, and taking note of the relevant work carried out by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and of the results of the International Consultation on AIDS and Human Rights, organized by the Centre for Human Rights at Geneva in July 1989,

Recognizing that discriminatory measures related to, inter alia, quarantine, mandatory testing, and coercive and/or restrictive policies dealing with travel and freedom of movement, including transfrontier movement, more often drive the disease underground where it is more difficult to combat, but do not stop the spread,

Stressing the need to promote safer sexual practices, including responsible sexual behaviour, and to detect and treat other sexually transmitted diseases as early as possible,

Stressing, therefore, the importance of information, education and other support particularly targeted to young people to encourage behavioural practices that enable them to remain uninfected,

Also stressing the need to prevent the spread of HIV infection by any and all means of transmission occurring in both specific and general population groups, including intravenous drug use and unsafe medical practices,

Further stressing the need to continue to address the economic and social status of women in society in order to provide them with the means to protect themselves from infection, in particular through sexual transmission,

Noting that scientific research is making progress in developing improved diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive technologies, including social and behavioural research, and pharmaceuticals, and stressing the importance of making these technologies and pharmaceuticals available as soon as possible and at an affordable price,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS; 22/

22/ A/46/171-E/1991/61, annex.

2. Urges Member States and, where appropriate, intergovernmental organizations:

(a) To continue to give the AIDS pandemic top priority and to speak openly about AIDS and sexual behaviour within the context of their sexual, cultural and religious norms;

(b) To continue to develop strong national AIDS programmes with priority placed on, in particular, prevention of sexual transmission through the promotion of safer sexual practices, including responsible sexual behaviour, as well as on measures to prevent transmission through intravenous drug use and unsafe medical practices;

(c) To develop services, in particular for the young, in regard to information, sex education and counselling on contraception and sexually transmitted diseases, as well as on other aspects of HIV transmission, within the context of their sexual, cultural and religious norms;

(d) To ensure a multisectoral response to the socio-economic consequences of AIDS through the mobilization of all sectors of society;

(e) To encourage the private sector, community groups and non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the national response to AIDS and HIV infection by providing, inter alia, support, care, education, counselling and resources;

(f) To reinforce efforts to combat denial and complacency;

3. Urges Member States and, where appropriate, intergovernmental organizations, to protect the human rights and dignity of HIV-infected people, people with AIDS and members of particular population groups, and to avoid discriminatory action against and stigmatization of them in the provision of services, employment and travel;

4. Calls upon the scientific community to continue to undertake the necessary research into social and behavioural aspects of HIV transmission and to develop the vaccines and pharmaceuticals that will provide effective means of prevention or therapy, and encourages it to make its findings available as soon as possible;

5. Requests the World Health Organization to explore the possibility of further strengthening the exchange of information among States Members of the United Nations both on the AIDS pandemic and on national AIDS-related policies designed to combat it;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to intensify his efforts within the United Nations system, in collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the heads of the World Bank, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund and all other relevant United Nations organizations:

(a) To continue to advance the coordinated multisectoral implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;

(b) To support and encourage countries in developing plans to meet the economic and social consequences of the AIDS pandemic, paying attention, in particular, to women, uninfected children with HIV-infected parents or orphaned by AIDS and to elderly people left without providers and often responsible for orphaned grandchildren, as well as to people working with persons with AIDS/HIV;

(c) To mobilize the necessary resources, both human and financial, in the health and other sectors, particularly to the developing countries, to develop and implement activities and technologies for the prevention of HIV-infection/AIDS and the care of those infected by HIV;

(d) To ensure that, in the search for prevention, cure and palliation, the concerns, needs and experience of persons with AIDS/HIV, as well as the special needs of women and children, are addressed;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the serious socio-economic consequences of the AIDS pandemic and its negative impact on development in many developing countries, in collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to utilize fully the research, analytical capacity and experience of the United Nations system in the planning of multisectoral activities and the earmarking of funds for countries requesting assistance for those activities;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to use fully the information capacity of the United Nations system to intensify public information activities with respect to HIV and AIDS;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with all other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into account the health aspects and all other dimensions of the pandemic.

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42. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/75 of 26 July 1991 entitled "Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994", in particular paragraph 2 of that resolution.

DRAFT DECISION II

Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the World Food Council on the work of its seventeenth session; 23/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report by the President of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly on consultations on the code of conduct on transnational corporations; 24/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries. 25/

DRAFT DECISION III

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993, annexed hereto.

23/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/46/19).

24/ A/46/558 and Corr.1.

25/ A/46/132-E/1991/58.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993 [26]

1992

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [27]

(a) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229 of 18 December 1984) [28]

(b) United Nations Population Award

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(c) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation — Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (General Assembly decision 45/436 of 21 December 1990)

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[26] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[27] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1992.

[28] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.12) 28/

(e) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.120; 28/

(f) Impact of recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of East-West relations on the growth and development of developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.122)

(g) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.33/Rev.1 28/

(h) Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resources and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.101) 28/

Item 2. Development and international economic cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/193 on the support of the international community for the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen 28/

Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 45/192 of 21 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.2)

Report of the Secretary-General on requirements necessary to implement the decisions on desertification and drought of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.109)

Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consideration by the Council of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.111)

Report of the Secretary-General on further substantive follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989) 28/

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa (General Assembly resolution 45/184 of 21 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/73 of 26 July 1991) 28/

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and coordination of the efforts of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to pursue sustainable and environmentally sound development (General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987, and 44/227 of 22 December 1989) 28/

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of convening a United Nations conference on human settlements (General Assembly resolution 46/___)

Draft resolution entitled "International conference on money and finance for development" (see General Assembly decision 46/____

(a) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) 28/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 45/200 of 21 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/202 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries

Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 45/261 of 3 May 1991)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.22)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.92)

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the World Food Council 28/

Report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and developments in the liberalization of international trade in agricultural and tropical products (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/53 of 26 July 1991)

(c) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation — Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982) 28/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/208

(d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the acceleration of the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 45/209 of 21 December 1990) 28/

(e) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1 28/

Item 3. Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.75)

Item 4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.80

Item 5. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the coordinating actions undertaken to formulate improved and enhanced action-oriented technical cooperation programmes for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.106)

Item 6. External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.119

Draft decision entitled "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development (see General Assembly decision 46/___)

Item 7. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation — Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation for the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980, 41/171 of 5 December 1986, 42/196 of 11 December 1987, 44/211 of 23 February 1990, and A/C.2/46/L.121) 28/

Report of the Director-General on a coordinated strategy of training for United Nations staff members and national officials involved in operational activities (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.121)

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme 28/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children 28/

(e) World Food Programme

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 8. International cooperation for economic growth and development

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the steps taken by Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system towards implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.79)

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990) 28/

Item 9. Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting the enhancement of United Nations activities with regard to the training of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs from developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 45/196, para. 9, and A/C.2/46/L.72)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on ways and means of fostering United Nations system activities with regard to industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 45/196, para. 10, and A/C.2/46/L.72)

Item 10. International conference on the financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.105)

Item 11. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990)

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation — Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries and regions

Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

Item 12. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.49

Item 13. Training and research

(a) United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University 28/

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.117

Item 14. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1 28/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council* 30/

(a) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1995-1996

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Special assistance to Namibia

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.84

Item 2. Development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.16)

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* Under this item, the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council.

29/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1993 will be updated in 1992, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

30/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1993.

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.73)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.118)

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.104

(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

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Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 of 11 December 1987, and A/C.2/46/L.61) 28/

Preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 of 8 December 1989 and 44/171 of 19 December 1989) 28/

(d) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 44/238 of 22 December 1989 and 45/189 of 21 December 1990) 28/

(e) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

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(f) Environment

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(g) Desertification and drought

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(h) Human settlements

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Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of strengthening endogenous capacity-building in the developing countries in science and technology (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.116)

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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 12 (see A/46/727, para. 3). Action to be taken on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/46/L.11 was considered at the 42nd meeting, on 15 November 1991. An account of the Committee's consideration of the draft resolution is contained in the relevant summary record (see A/C.2/46/SR.42).

2. At its 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Committee had before it the draft resolution entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme and enlargement of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme", which had been recommended to the Assembly by the Economic and Social Council for adoption and was contained in document A/C.2/46/L.11.

3. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 4).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

4. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme and enlargement of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 3404 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 concerning the establishment and continuation of the United Nations/FAO World Food Programme,

Recalling further its decision 44/414 of 22 November 1989, its resolution 45/218 of 22 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/79 of 27 July 1990 relating to the review of the governance of the World Food Programme,

Having considered Economic and Social Council decision 1991/298 of 26 July 1991, adopted on the recommendation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme, concerning the governance of the Programme and its relationship with the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

1. Decides, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the membership of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes shall be increased from thirty to forty-two by the addition of twelve States Members of the United Nations or States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and that the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall elect six additional members each;

2. Also decides, taking into account the membership criteria laid down in General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX), that the enlarged Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes shall comprise twenty-seven members from developing countries and fifteen from more economically developed countries, to be elected from the States listed in appendix A to the report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes on its special session 1/ and in accordance with the following distribution of seats:

(a) Eleven members from the States included in list A of appendix A, five members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(b) Nine members from the States included in list B of appendix A, four

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members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and five by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; 2/

(c) Seven members from the States included in list C of appendix A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(d) Thirteen members from the States included in list D of appendix A, seven members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(e) Two members from the States included in list E of appendix A, one member to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1992, to elect six additional members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes in accordance with the following distribution and terms of office:

(a) Two members from the States included in list A of appendix A, one member for a term of three years and one for a term of one year;

(b) Two members from the States included in list B of appendix A, one member for a term of three years and one for a term of two years;

(c) Two members from the States included in list C of appendix A, one member for a term of two years and one for a term of one year;

4. Requests that, thereafter, the Economic and Social Council elect, for a term of three years, all members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes for whose election it is responsible;

5. Decides to approve the revised General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in appendix B to the report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes on its special session, 1/ as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1991/298 and by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the 18th plenary meeting of its ninety-ninth session, on 20 June 1991;

6. Decides, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 1992.

2/ For this purpose, the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will each elect one member from Group I and three members from Group II. In addition, the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will elect one other member from Groups I and II by rotation.

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Report of the Second Committee (Part III)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 12 (see A/46/727, para. 3). Action to be taken on the item was further considered at the 28th, 31st, 32nd, 51st, 53rd, 55th, 56th and 58th meetings, on 1, 4, 5 and 26 November and 2, 4, 6 and 11 December 1991. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.28, 31, 32, 51 and 58).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.27 and L.84

2. At the 28th meeting on 1 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.27), entitled "Least developed country status and special assistance for Namibia", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/198 of 21 December 1990 on the inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries, by which

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts (see also A/46/727 and Add.1).

it decided to give Namibia special consideration in support of its economic and social development,

"Taking note of Security Council resolution 643 (1989) of 31 October 1989, by which the Council urgently appealed to Member States, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend, in coordination with the Secretary-General, generous financial, material and technical support to the Namibian people, both during the transitional period and after independence,

"Taking into account the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that the international community adopt special measures in favour of Namibia for a period of years in order to assist it in mobilizing its considerable economic potential as a newly independent nation, 1/

"Welcoming decision 91/14 of 25 June 1991, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Governing Council decided to extend special assistance to Namibia during the fifth programming cycle equivalent to that given to a least developed country, 2/

"Further welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50 of 26 July 1991 on special assistance to Namibia,

"Considering the urgent need of Namibia for assistance in its efforts to reconstruct and strengthen its fledgling economic and social structures,

"1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50, in which, inter alia, the Council invited States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia, for a number of years, assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country, in order to take into account the conditions that exist in Namibia and to assist it, as a newly independent country, to mobilize its economic potential;

"2. Decides to extend special assistance to Namibia equivalent to that given to a least developed country;

"3. Urgently appeals to all States, organizations of the United Nations system and international economic and financial institutions to

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32), para. 263.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34), annex I.

respond generously to the needs of Namibia and to provide assistance on a bilateral and multilateral basis."

3. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.59.

4. At the 53rd meeting, on 2 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.84), entitled "Special assistance to Namibia", submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27.

5. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement in which he noted that it was assumed that the provisions of the draft resolution were not related to recommendation 6 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213. On the baasis of that assumption, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.84 without a vote (see para. 33, draft resolution I).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.84, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.31 and L.105

8. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.31), entitled "Convening of an international conference on the financing of development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

"Recalling its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1991, on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing

Countries, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of international economic cooperation,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1991/274 of 26 July 1991 on an international conference on the financing of development,

"Welcoming the remark of the Secretary-General, contained in his report on the work of the Organization, that a reinvigoration of the North/South dialogue had become more urgent than ever, 3/

Welcoming also the proposal made by the Secretary-General, in the same report, that consideration should be given to the convening of an international conference on the financing of development,

"Taking note with interest of the note of the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on development financing, 4/

"1. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session further steps for the convening of such an international conference;

"2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled 'International conference on the financing of development'."

9. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.105), submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.31.

10. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.105 without a vote (see para. 33, draft resolution II).

12. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.105, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.31 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.34 and L.101

13. At the 32nd meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.34), entitled

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3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1).

4/ A/46/594.

"Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

"Recalling also the recommendation of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on the criteria for identifying the least developed among the developing countries, 5/

"Taking note of paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/275 of 26 July 1991 on chapter V of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session, 6/

"Recognizing that the decision to include any country in the group of least developed countries should be made with its due consent,

"1. Endorses the criteria for identifying the least developed countries among the developing countries and the graduation rules recommended by the Committee for Development Planning;

"2. Stresses that there is need for a smooth transition of the countries graduating out of the group of least developed countries with a view to avoiding disruption in their development plans, programmes and projects, and requests the Committee for Development Planning to recommend further specific measures in this regard;

"3. Decides to provide a transitional period of five years for countries graduating from the group of least developed countries immediately after their graduation in order to avoid disruption to their development programmes;

"4. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Zambia in the list of least developed countries; 7/

"5. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its eighth session on the resource and other implications of the application of the

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5/ See A/CONF.147/18.

6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32).

7/ Ibid., para. 256.

new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for them for the 1990s;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to follow his above-mentioned report to the Conference with a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the same subject and on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

14. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.41.

15. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.101), submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.34.

16. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.114.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.101 without a vote (see para. 33, draft resolution III).

18. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

19. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.101, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.34 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

D. Draft decision A/C.2/46/L.62

20. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Gabon, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/46/L.62), entitled "Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa".

21. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft decision, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.78.

22. At the 56th meeting, on 6 December 1991, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), read out the following revisions, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations held on the draft decision: add the words "and, in particular, paragraph 4 of that resolution" at the end of paragraph (a), and delete paragraph (b), which read:

"(b) Agrees to provide adequate resources within the context of the biennium 1992-1993 for the full implementation of that resolution."

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 34, draft decision I).

E. Draft decision A/C.2/46/L.63

24. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Gabon on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/46/L.63) entitled "Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar".

25. At the 55th meeting, on 4 December 1991, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), informed the Committee that, during the informal consultations held on the draft decision, it had been agreed to delete paragraph (b) of the draft decision, which read:

"(b) Agrees to provide adequate resources within the context of the biennium 1992-1993 for the full implementation of that resolution."

26. The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

27. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 34, draft decision II).

F. Draft decision A/C.2/46/L.64

28. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Gabon, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/46/L.64) entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000)".

29. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft decision, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.86.

30. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December 1991, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), read out the following revisions, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations held on the draft decision: add the words "and, in particular, paragraph 4 of that resolution" at the end of paragraph (a), and delete paragraph (b), which read:

"(b) Agrees to provide adequate resources within the context of the biennium 1992-1993 for the full implementation of that resolution."

31. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the African States, read out the following amendment to the daft decision: insert a new paragraph (b) as follows:

"(b) Takes note with appreciation of resolution GC 4/8 of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its fourth session on 22 November 1991."

32. The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally revised and amended, without a vote (see para. 34, draft decision III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

33. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Special assistance to Namibia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/198 of 21 December 1990 on the inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries, by which it decided to give Namibia special consideration in support of its economic and social development,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 643 (1989) of 31 October 1989, by which the Council urgently appealed to Member States, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend, in coordination with the Secretary-General, generous financial, material and technical support to the Namibian people, both during the transitional period and after independence,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that the international community adopt special measures in favour of Namibia for a period of years in order to assist it in mobilizing its considerable economic potential as a newly independent nation, 8/

Welcoming decision 91/14 of 25 June 1991, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Governing Council decided to extend special assistance to Namibia during the fifth programming cycle equivalent to that given to a least developed country, 9/

8/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32), para. 263.

9/ Ibid., Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34), annex I.

Also welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50 of 26 July 1991, on special assistance to Namibia,

Considering the urgent need of Namibia for assistance in its efforts to reconstruct and strengthen its fledgling economic and social structures,

1. Endorses the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution E/1991/50 to invite States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia for a number of years assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country;

2. Requests States and organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to give special consideration to extending to Namibia, during the period immediately after independence, special assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country;

3. Invites the Committee for Development Planning to review the situation of Namibia, taking into account its need for special assistance, and to make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Convening of an international conference on the financing of development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1990, on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of international economic cooperation,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1991/274 of 26 July 1991 concerning the convening of an international conference on the financing of development,

Noting with interest the remark of the Secretary-General, contained in his report on the work of the Organization, that a reinvigoration of the North/South dialogue had become more urgent than ever, 10/

Noting also with interest the proposal made by the Secretary-General, in the same report, that consideration should be given to the convening of an international conference on the financing of development,

Taking note with interest of the note by the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development, 11/

1. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the issue of the convening of such an international conference;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International conference on the financing of development" and requests the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the multilateral financing institutions, to submit a report on the item to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Recalling also the recommendation of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on the criteria for identifying the least developed among developing countries, 12/

Taking note of paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/275 of 26 July 1991 on chapter V of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session, 13/

10/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1).

11/ A/46/594.

12/ See A/CONF.147/18.

13/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32).

Recognizing that the decision to include any country in the group of least developed countries should be made with its due consent,

1. Notes with appreciation the new criteria for identifying the least developed among the developing countries and the graduation rules recommended by the Committee for Development Planning, and requests the Committee to consider further possible improvements in the criteria and their applications and report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council;

2. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to undertake every three years a general review of the list of low-income countries, with a view to identifying which of those countries should qualify for inclusion in, or should be graduated from, the list of least developed countries, and to present this review to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

3. Decides that the General Assembly will act on the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning for the inclusion of a country in the list of least developed countries, provided the country concerned has signified its consent;

4. Stresses that there is need for a smooth transition of the countries graduating out of the group of least developed countries, with a view to avoiding disruption to their development plans, programmes and projects, and invites Governments, international organizations and other concerned parties to take appropriate steps to ensure such a smooth transition;

5. Decides, in this context, that the graduation of a country will be completed following a transitional period of three years, which will commence immediately after the General Assembly has taken note of the finding of the Committee for Development Planning to graduate that country;

6. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Cambodia, Solomon Islands, Zaire and Zambia in the list of least developed countries; 14/

7. Takes note of the finding of the Committee for Development Planning to graduate Botswana from the list of least developed countries, and decides that its graduation from the list will be completed following a transition period of three years in accordance with paragraph 5 of the present resolution;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its eighth session on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

14/ Ibid., para. 256.

9. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to follow his report to the Conference with a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the same subject.

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34. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and in particular, paragraph 4 of that resolution.

DRAFT DECISION II

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The General Assembly endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar.

DRAFT DECISION III

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000)

The General Assembly:

(a) Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/81 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000), in particular paragraph 4 of that resolution;

(b) Takes note with appreciation of resolution GC 4/8 of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its fourth session on 22 November 1991.

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 43rd to 47th, 52nd and 58th meetings, on 18, 19 and 27 November and on 11 December 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item, held in conjunction with the general discussion of the item "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind", is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.43-47). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its second and third sessions (A/46/48, vols. I and II); 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/46/48, vols. I and II).

(b) Letter dated 14 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/86-S/22226);

(c) Letter dated 14 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Communiqué issued on 14 May 1991 in Barbados by the Seventeenth Meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (A/46/264);

(d) Letter dated 1 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General forwarding the Beijing Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development adopted by the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development on 19 June 1991 (A/46/293);

(e) Letter dated 18 July 1991 from the representatives of Germany and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint German-Indonesian statement on cooperation in environmental protection on the occasion of the State visit of His Excellency President Soeharto in Germany, 2 to 7 July 1991 (A/46/308);

(f) Note verbale dated 17 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General enclosing the Final Statement of the Ninth Session of the Interaction Council, held in Prague from 30 May to 2 June 1991 (A/46/315);

(g) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General forwarding the Final Communiqué of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, from 2 to 4 July 1991 (A/46/336);

(h) Letter dated 5 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the twenty-second South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 29 and 30 July 1991 (A/46/344);

(i) Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil and of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the joint communiqué issued at Stockholm, on World Environment Day, 5 June 1991, by President Fernando Collor of Brazil and Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson of Sweden, together with Mr. Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/46/423);

(j) Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/501/Rev.1);

(k) Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77 (A/46/520);

(l) Letter dated 23 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General circulating the resolutions adopted by the 86th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Santiago, Chile, from 7 to 12 October 1991 (A/46/598);

(m) Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Perspectives issued by the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, Cairo, 10 to 15 September 1991 (A/46/632);

(n) Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final declaration of the World Forestry Congress, held in Paris from 17 to 26 September (A/C.2/46/4);

(o) Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", endorsed by the Meeting of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth, held in Harare, 16-22 October 1991 (A/C.2/46/12 and Add.1);

(p) Letter dated 14 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting an Executive Summary of the report of the President's Council on a National Environmental Management System for South Africa (A/C.2/46/13);

(q) Letter dated 14 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting Japan's views on the resolutions on drift-net fishing (A/C.2/46/14);

(r) Letter dated 7 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shakhlo N. Makhmudov concerning international cooperation to save the Aral Sea (A/C.2/46/17).

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.43).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.75

5. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, and China, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.75) entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development".

6. A statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.75, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.112.

7. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and read out the following revisions to the text:

(a) The words "and the International Atomic Energy Agency" were added at the end of operative paragraph 9 (a).

(b) In operative paragraph 11, the words "in particular the Least Developed Countries" were inserted after the words "full participation of developing countries".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.75, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 9).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/211 of 21 December 1990 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Having considered the reports of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its second 2/ and third sessions, 3/ held at Geneva from 18 March to 5 April and from 12 August to 4 September 1991 respectively,

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2/ A/46/48 (Part I).

3/ A/46/48 (Part II).

1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and calls for its full implementation;

2. Reiterates the fundamental interrelationship between environment and development, stresses the need to integrate fully and keep the balance between the developmental and environmental dimensions during the entire preparatory process and during the Conference, and further stresses the importance of the need for cross-sectoral issues to be fully integrated into that work;

3. Decides that the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development should be held at United Nations Headquarters from 2 March to 3 April 1992;

4. Stresses the importance of the regional meetings held within the framework of preparations for the Conference, and in this regard calls upon the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session to continue to give due attention to the recommendations of all regional meetings, including those held recently;

5. Urges, once again, that representation at the Conference be at the level of head of State or Government;

6. Takes note of the reports of the Preparatory Committee on its second and third sessions and endorses the decisions contained therein;

7. Endorses section B of Preparatory Committee decision 3/11 of 4 September 1991, 4/ in which the Preparatory Committee recommended to the General Assembly that pre-session consultations on the Conference be held in Rio de Janeiro on 29 and 30 May 1992 and section C of Preparatory Committee decision 3/11 of 4 September 1991 4/ on participation in the Conference;

8. Also endorses Preparatory Committee decision 3/12 of 4 September 1991 4/ on participation in the Conference, stresses the importance of the participation of developing countries in the preparatory process and in the Conference, and requests the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session to review relevant parts of the annex to Preparatory Committee decision 3/11 E, 4/ with a view to ensuring adequate and full participation of developing countries in the Conference and in its subsidiary bodies;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the following to the Conference:

(a) All States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

4/ A/46/48 (Part II), annex.

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate, in the capacity of observers, in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; such representatives would participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with the General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in its region; such representatives would participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) All executive heads of specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system;

(e) All intergovernmental organizations that have been invited to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee;

(f) All non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the work of the Preparatory Committee by the conclusion of its fourth session; those organizations should receive invitations to participate as observers at the Conference;

10. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments and others that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for the preparatory process;

11. Decides to extend the validity and use of the Voluntary Fund established by its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 in order to assist developing countries in participating fully and effectively in the Conference, and requests the Secretary-General to mobilize the necessary resources to ensure the full participation of developing countries, in particular the Least Developed Countries, in the Conference and its subsidiary organs and urges Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Voluntary Fund in order to achieve this goal;

12. Also decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit the report on the Conference to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" and to allocate it to the Second Committee (see A/C.2/46/1).

2. The Committee considered the item at its 43rd to 47th, 52nd and 58th meetings, on 18, 19 and 27 November and 11 December 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item, held in conjunction with the general discussion on the item "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.43-47). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 14 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Communiqué issued on 14 May 1991 in Barbados by the Seventeenth meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community, which took place in Barbados on 13 and 14 May 1991 (A/46/264);

(b) Letter dated 26 June 1991 from the Permanaent Representatives of Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Joint Communiqué dated 13 April 1991 issued by the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Chairman of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria (A/46/273);

(c) Letter dated 2 July 1991 from the representatives of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Declaration by participants in the third Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the USSR and Union Republics concerning United Nations efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, adopted in Minsk, on 28 June 1991 (A/46/283-E/1991/114);

(d) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General forwarding the Final Communiqué of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, from 2 to 4 July 1991 (A/46/336);

(e) Letter dated 5 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the twenty-second South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 29 and 30 July 1991 (A/46/344);

(f) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the appeal by the Supreme Soviet of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the European Parliament (A/46/345);

(g) Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting texts of documents adopted by the twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Istanbul from 4 to 8 August 1991 (A/46/486);

(h) Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/501/Rev.1);

(i) Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77 (A/46/520);

(j) Letter dated 23 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General requesting him to circulate the resolutions adopted by the 86th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Santiago, Chile, from 7 to 12 October 1991 (A/46/598);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/46/602);

(l) Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Perspectives issued by the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, Cairo, 10 to 15 September 1991 (A/46/632);

(m) Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", endorsed by the Meeting of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth held in Harare, 16-22 October 1991 (A/C.2/46/12 and Add.1).

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 18 November, the Executive Director and Secretary of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change made an introductory statement. A statement was also made by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change (see A/C.2/46/SR.43).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.80

5. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Ghana, speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, and China, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.80) entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" and orally revised operative paragraph 6 thereof by adding the words "and requests the Secretary-General to make adequate arrangements for 1992".

6. A statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.80, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.110.

7. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and made the following oral revisions:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, insert the words 'on climate change, containing appropriate commitments and any related legal instruments as may be agreed upon", after the words "framework convention";

(b) The words "unless the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee decides otherwise at its fifth session" were added at the end of operative paragraph 3;

(c) A new paragraph 4 was added after operative paragraph 3, which read as follows:

> "4. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and its Ad Hoc Secretariat for the rest of 1992 in the light of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the report by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on possible future steps in the field of climate change;";

(d) In renumbered operative paragraph 5, the words "existing and new" were replaced by the words "present and potential";

(e) In renumbered operative paragraph 9, the words "the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development regarding the framework convention on climate change" were replaced by the words "the negotiations on the framework convention on climate change and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development".

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77), the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the European Community) and Nigeria (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

9. Following a statement of clarification by the Secretary of the Committee on the financial implications of operative paragraph 3, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Tunisia, France, Ghana and the United States of America (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

10. Following a request by the sponsors, the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.80, as orally revised, was being presented in his name.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.80, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 13).

12. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the European Community), the United States of America, Austria, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand and Japan (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

13. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988 and 44/207 of 22 December 1989, in which it recognized climate change as a common concern of mankind, and resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990, by which it established a single intergovernmental negotiating process for the preparation of a framework convention on climate change,

Reiterating the objective that an effective framework convention, containing appropriate commitments, and any related legal instruments as might be agreed upon should be completed prior to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and opened for signature during that Conference in June 1992,

Taking note of the relevant decisions taken in 1991 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Eleventh World Meteorological Congress, the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other intergovernmental bodies,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the progress of the negotiations for a framework convention on climate change, 1/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change at its first, second and third sessions; 2/

2. Urges the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to expedite and successfully complete the negotiations as soon as possible, and to adopt the framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments and any related legal instruments as may be agreed upon in time for it to be opened for signature during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

3. Decides that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should hold a fifth session at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 18 to 28 February 1992, with the possibility of the Committee holding a short

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1/ A/46/602.

2/ See A/AC.237/6, A/AC.237/9 and A/AC.237/12.

resumed session in New York in April 1992 unless the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee decides otherwise at its fifth session;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and its ad hoc secretariat for the rest of 1992 in the light of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the report by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on possible future steps in the field of climate change;

5. Also takes note with appreciation of the contributions made to the special voluntary fund, established in accordance with paragraph 10 of its resolution 45/212 to ensure that developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, as well as small island developing countries, are able to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process, and invites present and potential contributors to provide the additional and timely funding needed to ensure adequate support for the participation of developing countries in the negotiating process in 1992;

6. Further takes note with appreciation of the initial contributions made to the trust fund for the negotiating process, established in accordance with paragraph 20 of its resolution 45/212, and invites present and new contributors to provide additional funding in 1992;

7. Takes note of the arrangements made by the Secretary-General, as well as the welcome support provided by the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Meteorological Organization and by Governments, for the operation of the ad hoc secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee during 1991;

8. Reiterates its request to the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, on behalf of the Committee, to submit a report to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 on the outcome of the negotiations, as well as on possible future steps in the field of climate change;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the outcome of the negotiations on the framework convention on climate change and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution and on possible future requirements in relation to climate change;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".